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Application No: 09/437,607

Attorney's Docket No: VRD 3003.01

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-18, 38-40, 48, 49 and 54-60 are pending. Claims 1-4, 8-18, 38-40, 48, 49 and 54-60 are rejected.

Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for taking the time to discuss this application by telephone on August 8, 2006. The amendments and remarks herein are made in view this telephone discussion.

Claims 1, 10, 38, 54, 55, 57 and 60 are amended. Claims 49, 56 and 59 are cancelled. Claims 61-63 are added, wherein it is pointed out that these claims are merely the rewriting of certain amended or cancelled claims. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections, in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-4, 8-18, 38-40, 48, 54 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter.

Applicants continue to disagree for those reasons previously presented. That is, Applicants submit that the claims are fully supported by the specification, and therefore, contain no new matter. Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims as indicated above, while retaining the right to pursue further claims in a divisional or continuation application.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

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Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-4, 8-9, 48-49, and 54-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for allegedly lacking enablement.

Applicants continue to disagree for those reasons previously presented. That is, Applicants submit that the claims are fully enable by the specification. Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims as indicated above, while retaining the right to pursue further claims in a divisional or continuation application.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

Applicants submit that this paper is timely filed, and therefore, no fee is due.

However, in the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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